

A/B, 4, 3/30

9 July 1951

MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director, SI

SUBJECT: Progress on BLUEBIRD

1. Since the meeting of 24 May 1951 [REDACTED] there have been the following meetings (reports in the files):

- a. 1 June 1951 [REDACTED] in [REDACTED]
- b. 5, 8, and 11 June 1951 - General meeting of group in Washington.

2. The status of the activities outlined in the memorandum of 13 March 1951 is briefly described below:

OSI

a. Appointment of a Coordinator - Finished business.

b. Establishment of a Panel [REDACTED] now has:

(1) Decided on the membership of the Panel.

(2) One member fully processed (his assistant [REDACTED])

(3) Obtained expressions of interest from the balance who have a preliminary clearance but will require further processing:

- (a) [REDACTED]
- (b) [REDACTED]
- (c) [REDACTED]

c. Coordination with IAC Agencies.

(1) [REDACTED] fully established through [REDACTED] and [REDACTED]

(2) [REDACTED] The [REDACTED] assignee, [REDACTED] has shown a cooperative interest. He has started to elucidate the [REDACTED] interest in Bluebird, but has not completed his investigation.

(3) [redacted] (Medical) has been briefed. He stated [redacted] has for a long time been interested in conditioning which would block disclosure.

- d. Establishment of research projects - yet to be developed.
- e. Furnish teams with information as to new techniques - to be developed.
- f. Receive reports of field teams - received and filed.

ESS

a. Recruitment - A special committee has been appointed to screen employees and applicants for membership on teams. [redacted] the Chairman [redacted] and [redacted] are represented.

b. Trained teams - No new teams have been organized but the personnel is available to form a team to carry out any emergency operation.

a. Supply available qualified personnel - These offices are represented on the committee referred to under ESS (a) above.

b. Work with Interrogation Centers - Apparently the work at these centers has not progressed to the point where trained teams could be fully employed if available.

c. Overseas experimentation - To be developed.

3. Significant Briefings.

a. [redacted] briefed [redacted] on his trip to [redacted] and sent him a copy of the report. Copies of the report were also sent to [redacted] and [redacted].

b. [redacted] has briefed [redacted] and [redacted] of [redacted] office.

c. [redacted] and [redacted] briefed [redacted] of [redacted] office.

4. Administrative

a. The possibility of [redacted] playing a role in this operation is at present doubtful. His assignment to [redacted] is expected.

b. A simple name file of all persons connected with the operation has been established in O/SI. Briefing status is given.

5. Substantive

a. While the establishment of formal substantive files is awaiting the formation of the Support Staff, a bibliographic file of about 1800 references has been organized.

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